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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING TISSUE

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:

1. ☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation; ☐ Divisional
 Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/591, 328 filed on June 9, 2000; which is a Continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/925,805
 filed on September 9, 1997.
2. ☐ This application claims priority from Provisional Application No.
 , filed .
3. ☒ The application consisting of 20 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. ☒ 6 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. ☒ formal; or
 - b. ☐ informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. ☒ A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.
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The inventor is Thomas Patrick Ryan.
7. ☒ A copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application
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8. ☒ The Application filing fee is calculated below.

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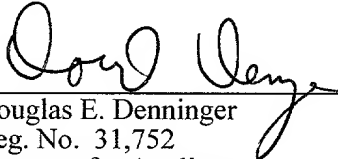
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Respectfully submitted,

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